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Mr. Nicholas J. Oganovic, Executive Director
United States Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C. 20415

Dear Nick:

We have studied carefully the advance copy of the Federal Personnel Manual letter on new procedures for the filing of involuntary disability retirement cases which you sent with your letter of 29 December 1967.

We have no objection to these new procedures provided this Agency can be assured that classified information associated with an involuntary disability retirement case can be fully protected by the normal safeguards governing the handling of classified material. We anticipate that it might become necessary to divulge classified information in describing an employee's duties and the basis for our action in submitting an involuntary retirement application. We also foresee the possibility that the identification of other Agency employees, e.g., supervisors, might be classified information. Other aspects of the new procedures may also require submitting classified information.

Consequently, unless classified material can be safeguarded we must express our grave concern regarding the procedures outlined in the proposed Federal Personnel Manual letter.

I have asked Mr. Emmett D. Echols, our Director of Personnel, to discuss this in greater detail with you.

We very much appreciate your consideration in sending this advance copy and your thoughtfulness in keeping our interests in mind.

Sincerely,

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